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They are re-printed with a view to rescue from oblivion compositions, which cannot but be admired for the spirit of christian humility, simplicity, and piety, which eminently distinguish them—and in hopes that by the divine blessing they may assist the devotions of the truly pious.

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A PRAYER

Containing the Duties of every true Christian.

O Most mighty God, merciful and loving Father, I wretched sinner come unto thee in the name of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ my only Savior and Redeemer: and most humbly beseech thee for his sake to be merciful unto me, and to cast all my sins out of thy sight and remembrance, through the merits of his bloody death and passion.

Pour upon me O Lord, thy Holy Spirit of wisdom and grace: govern and lead me by thy holy word, that it may be a lanthorn unto my feet, and a light unto my steps. Shew thy mercy upon me, and so lighten the natural blindness and hardness of my heart through thy grace, that I may daily be renewed by the same spirit and grace: by the which O Lord, purge the grossness of my hearing and understanding, that I may profitably read, hear, and understand thy word and heavenly will, believe and practise the same in my life and conversation, and evermore hold fast that blessed hope of everlasting life.

Mortify and kill all vice in me, that my life may express my faith in thee: mercifully hear the humble suit of thy servant, and grant me thy peace all my days: graciously pardon my infirmities, and defend me in all dangers of body, goods, and name: but most chiefly, my soul against all assaults, temptations, accusations, subtil baits and *devices of that old enemy of mankind Satan, that roaring Lion, ever seeking whom he may devour.

And here O Lord I prostrate, with most humble mind crave of thy divine majesty, to be merciful unto the universal Church of thy Son Christ: and especially according to my bounden duties, beseech thee for his sake to bless, save and defend the principal member thereof, thy servant our most dear and sovereign Lord the King, encrease in his royal heart true faith, godly zeal, and love of the same: and grant him victory over all his ene-

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mies, a long, proſperous and honourable life upon earth, a bleſſed end, and life everlaſting.

Moreover, O Lord, grant unto his Majeſty's moſt honorable Councellors, and every other member of this thy Church of England, that they and we in our ſeveral callings, may truly and godly ſerve thee: plant in our hearts true fear and honor of thy name, obedience to our Prince, and love to our neighbours: encreaſe in us true faith and religion: repleniſh our minds with all goodneſs, and of thy great mercy keep us in the ſame till the end of our lives: give unto us a godly zeal in prayer, true humility in proſperity, perfect patience in adverſity, and continual joy in the Holy Ghoſt.

And laſtly, I commend unto thy fatherly protection, all that thou haſt given me, (as *wife*, *children*, and *ſervants*:) aid me, O Lord, that I may govern, nouriſh, and bring them up in fear and ſervice. And forasmuch as in this world I muſt always be at war and ſtrife, not with one ſort of enemies, but with an infinite number, not only with fleſh and blood, but with the Devil which is the prince of darkneſs, and with wicked men executors of this his moſt damnable will: grant me therefore thy grace, that being armed with thy defence, I may ſtand in this battle with an invincible conſtancy againſt all corruption, which I am compaſſed with on every ſide, untill ſuch time as I having ended the combat, which during this life I muſt ſuſtain, in the end may attain to thy heavenly reſt, which is prepared for me and thine elect, through Chriſt our Lord and only Savior, Amen.

Certain godly Prayers for ſundry Days

MONDAY,

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercy, and God of all comfort, which only forgiveſt ſin: forgive unto us our ſins, good Lord, forgive unto us our ſins, that by the multitude of thy mercies they may be covered, and not imputed unto us, and by the operation of the Holy Ghoſt, we

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may have power and ſtrength hereafter to reſiſt ſin by our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

TUESDAY.

O Lord God, which deſpiſeſt not a contrite heart, and forgiveſt the ſins and wickedneſs of a ſinner, in what hour ſoever he doth mourn and lament his old manner of living: grant unto us O Lord, true contrition of heart, that we may vehemently deſpiſe our ſinful life paſt, and wholly be converted unto thee, by our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

O merciful Father, by whoſe power and ſtrength we may overcome our enemies both bodily and ghoſtly: grant unto us, O Lord, that according to our promiſe made in our baptiſm, we may overcome the chief enemies of our ſoul, that is, the deſires of the world, the pleaſures of the fleſh, and the ſuggeſtions of the wicked ſpirit: and ſo after lead our lives in holineſs and righteouſneſs, that we may ſerve thee in ſpirit and truth, and that by our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

THURSDAY.

O Almighty and everlaſting God, which not only giveth every good and perfect gift, but alſo increaſeſt thoſe gifts that thou haſt given: we moſt humbly beſeech thee merciful God, to increaſe in us the gift of faith, that we may truly believe in thee, and in thy promiſe made unto us: and that neither by our negligence, nor infirmity of the fleſh, nor by grievouſneſs of temptation, neither by the ſubtil crafts and aſſaults of the devil, we may be driven from faith in the blood of our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

FRIDAY.

GRANT unto us, O merciful God, we moſt heartily beſeech thee, knowledge and true underſtanding of thy word, that all ignorance expelled, we may know what thy will and pleaſure is in

all things, and how to do our duties, and truly to walk in our vocation: and that alſo we may expreſs in our living, thoſe things that we do know, that we be not only knowers of thy word, good Lord, but alſo be workers of the ſame, by our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

SATURDAY.

O Almighty God, which haſt prepared everlaſting life to all thoſe that be thy faithful ſervants: grant unto us Lord, ſure hope of the life everlaſting, that we being in this miſerable world, may have ſome taſte and feeling of that life in our hearts, and that not by our deſerving, but by the merits and deſerving of our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

O Merciful God our only aid, ſuccour and ſtrength at all times: grant unto us, O Lord, that in the time of proſperity we be not proud, and ſo forget thee, but that with our whole heart and ſtrength we may cleave unto thee, and in the time of Adverſity, that we fall not into infidelity and deſperation, but that always with a conſtant faith, we may call for help unto thee: grant this O Lord, for our advocates ſake and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

SUNDAY.

O Almighty and merciful Lord, which giveſt unto thy elect people the Holy Ghoſt, as a ſure pledge of thy heavenly kingdom: grant unto us, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit, that he may bear witneſs with our ſpirit, that we be thy children, and heirs of thy kingdom, and that by the operation of this thy Spirit, we may kill our carnal luſts, unlawful pleaſures, concupiſcences, evil affections, contrary unto thy will, by our Saviour and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

A Prayer for truſt in God

THE beginning of the fall of man, was truſt in himſelf. The beginning of the reſtoring of man, is diſtruſt in himſelf, and truſt in God, O

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moſt gracious and moſt wiſe guide our Saviour Chriſt, which doſt lead them the right way to immortal bleſſedneſs, which truly and unfeignedly truſting in thee, commit themſelves to thee: grant us, that like as we be blind and feeble indeed, ſo we may take and repute ourſelves, that we preſume not of ourſelves, to ſee to ourſelves, but ſo far to ſee, that always we may have thee before our eyes, to follow thee, being our guide, to be ready at thy call moſt obediently, and to commit ourſelves wholly unto thee, that thou which only knoweſt the way, mayeſt lead us the ſame way unto our heavenly deſires: to thee with the Father and the Holy Ghoſt, be glory for ever, Amen.

A general Confeſſion of Sins, to be ſaid every Morning.

O Almighty God our heavenly Father, I confeſs and acknowledge, that I am a miſerable and a wretched ſinner, and have manifold ways moſt grievouſly tranſgreſſed thy moſt godly commandments, through wicked thoughts, ungodly luſts, ſinful words and deeds, committed all my whole life. In ſin am I born and conceived, and there is no goodneſs in me, in as much as if thou ſhouldeſt enter into thy narrow judgment with me, judging me according unto the ſame, I were never able to ſuffer and abide it, but muſt needs periſh and be damned for ever: ſo little help, comfort, or ſuccour is there either in me, or in any other creature. Only this is my comfort, O heavenly Father, that thou didſt not ſpare thy only dear beloved ſon, but didſt give him up unto the moſt bitter, and moſt vile and ſlanderous death of the croſs for me, that he might ſo pay the ranſom for my ſins, ſatisfy thy judgment, ſtill and pacify thy wrath, reconcile me again unto thee, and purchaſe me thy grace and favor, and everlaſting life. Wherefore through the merits of his moſt bitter death and paſſion, and through his innocent blood-

ſheding, I beſeech thee, O heavenly Father, that thou wilt vouchſafe to be gracious and merciful unto me, to forgive and pardon me of all my ſins, to lighten my heart with thy Holy Spirit, to renew, confirm, and ſtrengthen me with a right and perfect faith, and to inflame me in love toward thee and my neighbour, that I may henceforth with a willing and glad heart, walk as it becometh me in thy moſt godly commandments, and ſo glorify and praiſe thee everlaſtingly. And alſo that I may with a free conſcience and quiet heart, in all manner of temptations, afflictions, or neceſſities, and even in the very pangs of death, cry boldly and *joyfully unto thee, and ſay, "I believe in God the "Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, "and in Jeſus Chriſt, &c." But O Lord God heavenly Father, to comfort my ſelf in affliction and temptation with theſe articles of the chriſtian faith, it is not in my power, for faith is thy gift: and forasmuch as thou wilt be prayed unto, and called upon for it: I come unto thee to pray and beſeech thee, both for all other my neceſſities, even as thy dear beloved Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt himſelf hath taught us and from the very bottom of my heart, I cry and ſay, "our Father "which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, &c."

Prayers to be ſaid in the Morning.

O Merciful Lord God, heavenly Father, I render moſt high lauds, praiſe, and thanks unto thee, that thou haſt preſerved me both this night, and all the times and days of my life hitherto, under thy protection, and haſt ſuffered me to live unto this preſent hour. And I beſeech thee heartily, that thou wilt vouchſafe to receive me this day, and the reſidue of my whole life, from henceforth into thy tuition, ruling and governing me with thy Holy Spirit, that all manner of darkneſs, miſbelief, infidelity, and carnal luſts and affections may be utterly chaſed and driven out of my heart, and that I may be juſtified and ſaved

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both body and ſoul through a right and perfect faith, and ſo walk in the light of thy moſt godly truth, to thy glory and praiſe and to the profit and furtherance of my neighbour, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

ALL poſſible thanks that we are able, we render unto thee, O Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for that thou haſt willed this night paſt to be proſperous unto us: and we beſeech thee likewiſe to proſper all this ſame day unto us for thy glory, and for the health of our ſouls, and that thou which art the true light, not knowing any going down, and which art the ſun eternal giving life, food, and gladneſs unto all things, vouchſafe to ſhine into our minds, that we may not any where ſtumble to fall into any ſin, but may through thy good guiding and conducting, come to the life everlaſting, Amen.

O Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which art the true ſun of the world, evermore ariſing, and never going down, which by thy moſt wholeſome appearing and light, doth bring forth, preſerve, nouriſh, and refreſh all things as well that are in heaven, as alſo that are on earth: we beſeech thee mercifully and favourably to ſhine into our hearts, that the night and darkneſs of ſins, and the miſts of errors on every ſide driven away, thou brightly ſhining within our hearts, we may all our life ſpace go without any ſtumbling or offence, and may decently and ſeemly walk as in the day time being pure and clean from the works of darkneſs, and abounding in all good works which God hath prepared for us to walk in, which with the Father and with the Holy Ghoſt liveth and reigneth for ever and ever, Amen.

O God and Lord Jeſus Chriſt, thou knoweſt, yea and haſt alſo taught us how great the infirmity and weakneſs of man is, and how certain a thing it is that it can do nothing without thy godly help. If man truſt to himſelf, it cannot be avoided, but

but that he muſt run headlong and fall into a thouſand undoings and miſchiefs. O our Father have thou pity and compaſſion upon the weakneſs of us thy children, be thou *preſent and ready to help us, always ſhewing thy mercy upon us, and proſpering whatſoever we godly go about, ſo that thou giving us light, we may ſee what things are truly good in deed: thou encouraging us, we may have an earneſt deſire to the ſame: and thou being our guide, we may come where to obtain them; for we having nothing but miſtruſt in ourſelves, do yield and commit ourſelves full and whole unto thee alone, which worketh all things in all creatures, to thy honor and glory. So be it.

A Prayer againſt Temptation.

O Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the only ſtay and fence of our mortal ſtate, our only hope, our only ſalvation, our glory, and our triumph, who in the fleſh which thou hadſt for our only cauſe taken upon thee, didſt ſuffer thy ſelf to be tempted of Satan, and who only and alone of all men didſt utterly overcome and vanquiſh ſin, death, the world, the devil, and all the kingdom of hell: and whatſoever thou haſt ſo overcome, for our behalf it is that thou haſt overcome it: neither hath it been thy will to have any of thy ſervants to keep battel, or fight with any of the foreſaid evils, but of purpoſe to reward with a crown of the more glory for it. And to the intent that thou mighteſt overthrow Satan in thy members, as thou hadſt afore done in thine own perſon, give thou we beſeech thee, unto thy ſoldiers, O Lion moſt victorious of the tribe of Juda, ſtrength againſt the roaring Lion, which continually wandereth to and fro, ſeeking whom he may devour. Thou being that ſame ſerpent, the true giver of health and life, that was nailed on high upon a tree, give unto us thy ſilly ones, the *wiſdom of ſerpents againſt the deceitful *lying in wait of the moſt ſubtil ſerpent Thou being a lamb as white as ſnow, the vanquiſher

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of ſatan's tyranny, give unto us thy little ſheep the ſtrength and virtue of thy ſpirit, that being in our ſelves weak and feeble, and in thee ſtrong and valiant, we may withſtand and overcome all aſſaults of the devil, ſo that our ghoſtly enemy may not glory on us, but being conquered through thee, we may give thanks to thy mercy, which never leaveſt them deſtitute that put their truſt in thee, who liveth and reigneth God for ever without end, Amen.

A Prayer for the obtaining of Wiſdom.

O God of our fathers, and Lord of mercy, thou that haſt made all things with thy word, and ordained man through thy wiſdom, that he ſhould have dominion over the creatures which thou haſt made, that he ſhould order the world according to equity and righteouſneſs, and execute judgment with a true heart: give me wiſdom, which is ever about thy ſeat, and put me not out from among thy children: for I thy ſervant and ſon of thy handmaid, am a feeble perſon, of a ſhort time, and too young to the underſtanding of thy judgments and laws: yea, though a man be never ſo perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wiſdom be not with him, he ſhall be nothing worth, O ſend thy wiſdom out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy majeſty, that ſhe may be with me, and labour with me, that I may know what is acceptable in thy ſight, for ſhe knoweth and underſtandeth all things, and ſhe ſhall conduct me right ſoberly in thy works, and preſerve me in her power, ſo ſhall my works be acceptable, Amen.

A Prayer againſt worldly carefulneſs.

O moſt dear and tender Father, our defender and nouriſher, endue us with thy grace, that we may caſt off the great blindneſs of our minds, carefulneſs of worldly things, and may put our whole ſtudy and care in keeping of thy Holy Law, and that we may labour and travel for our neceſſities in this life, like the birds of the air, and the

the lilies of the field, without care. For thou haſt promiſed to be careful for us, and haſt commanded that upon thee we ſhould caſt all our care: which liveſt and reigneſt world without end, Amen.

A Prayer neceſſary for all Perſons.

O merciful God, I a wretched ſinner acknowledge myſelf bound to keep thy holy commandments, but yet unable to perform them, and to be accepted for juſt, without the righteouſneſs of Jeſus Chriſt thy only ſon, who hath perfectly fulfilled thy law, to juſtify all men that believe in him. Therefore grant me grace, I beſeech thee, to be occupied in doing good works, which thou commandeſt in holy ſcripture, all the days of my life, to thy glory, and yet to truſt only to thy mercy, and in Chriſt's merits, to be purged from my ſins, and not in my good works, be they never ſo many. Give me grace to love thy holy word fervently, to ſearch the Scriptures diligently, to read them humbly, to underſtand them truly, to live after them effectually. Order my life ſo, O Lord, that it may be alway acceptable unto thee. Give me grace not to rejoice in any thing that diſpleaſeth thee, but evermore to delight in thoſe things that pleaſe thee, be they never ſo contrary to my deſires. Teach me ſo to pray, that my petitions may be graciouſly heard of thee. Keep me upright among diverſities of opinions and judgments in the world, that I never ſwerve from thy truth taught in Holy Scripture. In proſperity, O Lord ſave me, that I wax not proud; in adverſity help me, that I neither deſpair nor blaſpheme thy holy name, but taking it patiently, to give thee thanks, and truſt to be delivered after thy pleaſure. When I happen to fall into ſin through frailty, I beſeech thee to work true repentance in my heart, that I may be ſorry without deſperation, truſt in thy mercy without preſumption, that I may amend my life, and become truly religious without hypocriſy, lowly in heart without feigning, faithful and truſty

truſty without deceit, *chearful without lightneſs, ſad without miſtruſt, ſober without ſlothfulneſs, content with mine own without covetouſneſs, to tell my neighbour his faults charitably without diſſimulation, to inſtruct my houſehold in thy laws truly, to obey our king and all governors under him unfeignedly, to receive all laws and common ordinances (which diſagree not from thy holy word) obediently, to pay every man that which I owe unto him truly, to backbite no man, nor ſlander my neighbour ſecretly, and to abhor all vice, loving all goodneſs earneſtly. O Lord grant me thus to do for the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

A Prayer for Patience in Trouble.

HOW haſt thou O Lord humbled and plucked me down: I dare *ſcarce make my prayers unto thee, for thou art angry with me, but not without my deſerving. Certainly I have ſinned, Lord I confeſs it: I will not deny it: but, oh my God pardon my treſpaſſes, releaſe my debts, render now thy grace again unto me, ſtop my wounds, for I am all plagued and beaten: yet Lord this notwithſtanding I abide patiently, and give mine attendance on thee, continually waiting for relief at thy hand, and that not without *reaſon, for I have received a token of thy favour and grace toward me, I mean the word of promiſe concerning Chriſt, who for me was offered on the Croſs for a ranſom, a ſacrifice and price for my ſins: wherefore according to that thy promiſe, defend me Lord by thy right hand, and give a gracious ear to my requeſts, for all mans ſtays are but vain. Beat down therefore mine enemies thine own ſelf with thy power, which art mine only aid and protector, O Lord God Almighty, Amen.

A Prayer to be ſaid at Night going to Bed.

O merciful Lord God heavenly Father, whether we ſleep or wake, live or die, we are always thine. Wherefore I beſeech thee heartily, that

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thou wilt vouchſafe to take care and charge of me, and not to ſuffer me to periſh in the works of darkneſs, but to kindle the light of thy countenance in my heart, that thy godly knowledge may daily increaſe in me through a right and pure faith, and that I may always be found to walk and live after thy will and pleaſure, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer to be ſaid at the Hour of Death.

O Lord Jeſus, which art the only health of all men living, and the everlaſting life of them which die in faith: I wretched ſinner give and commit myſelf wholly unto thy moſt bleſſed will. And being ſure that the thing cannot periſh which is committed unto thy mercy, willingly now I leave this frail and wicked fleſh in hope of the reſurrection, which in better wiſe ſhall reſtore it to me again. I beſeech thee, moſt merciful Lord Jeſus Chriſt, thou wilt by thy grace make ſtrong my ſoul againſt all temptations, and that thou wilt cover and defend me with the buckler of thy mercy againſt all the aſſaults of the devil. I ſee and acknowledge that there is in myſelf no help of Salvation, but all my confidence, hope and truſt in in thy moſt merciful goodneſs. I have no merits nor good works which I may alledge before thee. Of ſins and evil works alas! I ſee a great heap; but through thy mercy I truſt to be in the number of them to whom thou wilt not impute their ſins, but take and accept for righteous and juſt, and to be the inheritors of everlaſting life. Thou didſt ſuffer both hunger and thirſt for my ſake, thou didſt preach and teach, thou didſt pray and faſt for my ſake, thou didſt all good works and deeds for my ſake, thou ſuffered moſt grievous pains and torments for my ſake. And finally thou gaveſt thy moſt precious body to die, and thy blood to be ſhed on the croſs for my ſake. Now moſt merciful Saviour, let all theſe things profit me, which thou freely haſt given me, that haſt

haſt given thyſelf for me. Let thy blood cleanſe and waſh away the ſpots and foulneſs of my ſins. Let thy righteouſneſs hide and cover mine unrighteouſneſs. Let the merits of thy paſſion and blood, be the ſatisfaction for my ſins. Give me Lord thy grace, that my faith and ſalvation in thy blood waver not in me, but be ever firm and conſtant, that the hope of thy mercy and life everlaſting never decay in me, that *love wax not cold in me. Finally that the weakneſs of my fleſh be not overcome with the fear of death. Grant me, merciful Saviour, that when death hath ſhut up the eyes of my body, yet that the eyes of my ſoul may ſtill behold and look upon thee, that when death hath taken away the uſe of my tongue and ſpeech, yet that my heart may cry and ſay unto thee, O Lord, into thy hands I give and commit my ſoul: Lord Jeſus receive my ſoul unto thee, Amen. * Charity.

Prefixed to the Old Engliſh Bible, printed in 1607.

1 HERE is the ſpring where waters flow
To quench the heat of ſin:
Here is the tree where truth doth grow
To lead our lives therein.

2 The tidings of Salvation dear
Come to our ears from hence;
The fortreſs of our faith is here
And ſhield of our defence.

3 Read not this book in any caſe
But with a ſingle eye.
Read not but firſt deſire GOD's grace
To underſtand thereby—.

4 Pray ſtill in faith with this reſpect
To fructify therein;
That knowledge may have this effect
To mortify thy ſin.

5 Then happy thou in all thy life
What ſo to thee befalls!
Yea doubly happy ſhalt thou be
When GOD by death thee calls.

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I adore thee, O bleſſed Jeſus, my Lord, my God, when I conſider that this holy Sacrament was thy own Inſtitution; for it was thou, Lord, who in the night thou waſt betrayed, didſt take bread, and after that the cup, and didſt bleſs them, and give them to thy diſciples. O bleſſed Saviour, let thy divinity, thus ſtamped on it, ſtrike into my ſoul an holy awe and reverence in approaching it: O create in me heavenly diſpoſitions to celebrate ſo heavenly an inſtitution. Amen, Amen.

I adore thee, O bleſſed Jeſus, my Lord my God, when I conſider for what end thou didſt inſtitute thy holy Sacrament, implied in thy own command, Do this in remembrance of me.

But what need this command, O gracious Lord? Is it poſſible for me ever to forget thee my Saviour, who haſt done ſo great things for me?

Alas, alas! my own ſad experience tells me it is: woe is me; every temptation, every vanity, is apt to make me forget thee, though thy own dying words bid me remember thee.

But O bleſſed Lord, for thy infinite mercies ſake, pardon all my ſtupid forgetfulneſs and ingratitude

hitherto, and do thou now create in me ſuch a thankful and lively remembrance of thy dying for me, that may excite me to give up myſelf intirely to thee, as thou didſt give up thyſelf on the croſs for me, Amen.

A thankſgiving for Chriſt's ſuffering.

O thou, my crucified Saviour, glory be to thee, for cauſing thy ſufferings to be regiſtered in the goſpel: there I have read, and remember the works and triumphs of thy Almighty love, for which I will always adore and praiſe thee.

I remember, O gracious Lord, how thou, who thoughteſt it no robbery to be equal with God, waſt made in the faſhion of frail Man, *Phil.* ii. for thou tookeſt on thee the form of a Servant: I remember how many reproaches, and contradictions, and blaſphemies, and perſecutions, thou didſt endure from a wicked and perverſe generation; and all this to ſave us ſinful men.

O Lord Jeſus, was ever ſorrow like unto thy ſorrow? Worthy art thou, O Lamb, that was ſlain, to receive power, riches, and wiſdom, and ſtrength, and honour, and glory, and bleſſing, Rev. vii. 12.

I remember, O gracious Lord, how thou didſt endure a moſt bitter agony, and didſt ſweat great drops of blood, falling to the ground; how thou, who art God above all, bleſſed for ever, waſt treacherouſly betrayed and apprehended, and bound as a malefactor; how thou waſt ſet at nought by Herod, and his men of war, and forſaken of all thy diſciples, and denied by Peter; and all this to ſave us ſinful men,

O Lord Jeſus was ever, &c.

I remember, how thou, O God of truth, waſt accuſed by falſe witneſſes; how thou, whom all the angels adore, waſt blind-folded, and buffetted, and mocked, and ſpit upon, and ſtripped, and ſcourged; and all this that we may be healed by thy ſtripes, and to ſave us ſinful men.

O Lord

O Lord Jeſus was ever; &c.

I remember, Lord, how thou, that art the great judge of Heaven and Earth, waſt thyſelf dragged to the Judgment-ſeat, and condemned; how thou, O King of Heaven, waſt crowned with thorns, and oppreſſed with the weight of thy own croſs; and all this to ſave us ſinful men.

O Lord Jeſus was ever, &c.

I remember, O bleſſed Saviour, how thou, who art the Lord of glory, and the ſole author of life, waſt put to a moſt ignominious death: how thy hands and feet were nailed to a croſs; how thou waſt crucified between two thieves, and numbered with the tranſgreſſors; how thou hadſt a potion given to thee to embitter thy very laſt gaſp; and all this to ſave us ſinful men.

O Lord Jeſus, was ever, &c.

I remember, O gracious Lord, how when thou wert hanging on the very croſs, thou waſt ſcoffed at and reviled; how infinitely then thou wert afflicted and bruiſed for our tranſgreſſions, when the iniquities of us all were laid on thy ſhoulders; how thou didſt then expreſs an anguiſh greater than all the tortures of thy crucifixion, when thou didſt cry out, my God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken me! and how thou didſt at the laſt give up the ghoſt, and die thyſelf, that we may live.

O Lord Jeſus, was ever, &c.

I unfeignedly believe, O gracious Lord, that thou didſt ſuffer all this for ſinful men, and in particular for me, when we were all thy utter enemies, and had nothing in us to move thee to pity us, but our extreme miſery; nothing to move thee to ſave us, but our great unworthineſs, and thy greater mercy.

O the depth of the riches of thy love, bleſſed Lord! How unutterable is thy mercy, and thy love paſt finding out!

O all ye holy angels, behold and wonder! Wretched man hath ſinned againſt God, and God himſelf has ſuffered the ſinner's punniſhment. *Was*

Was there ever ſorrow like that which my Lord and my God endured for me?

Was there ever love like to that love which my Lord and my God hath ſhewed me?

O ye bleſſed Hoſt of Heaven, who rejoice at the converſion of one ſingle ſinner, adore and praiſe my crucified Saviour, who died for the ſins of the world; adore and praiſe that unknown ſorrow, that wonderful love, which you yourſelves muſt needs admire.

O my gracious Lord, my heart is now full of the ſenſe of thy love; and what have I to return to thee but love again? 'Tis all I have to offer thee; accept it, O merciful Lord, imperfect as it is. And do thou daily heighten my ſenſe of thy Love to me, that I may daily heighten my love to thee.

O thou infinite Lover of ſouls, with all my heart I love, I praiſe, I adore thy love to me; but, alas! I can never do it enough.

O do thou at laſt, gracious Lord, tranſlate me to thy kingdom of glory, that there I may love thee to the uttermoſt capacity of a creature, and praiſe thee to all eternity. Amen, Lord Jeſus, Amen.

What benefit we receive by it.

I adore thee, O bleſſed Jeſus, my Lord, and my God, when I conſider the benefits, which through thy mercy we receive by thy Holy Sacrament.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who there makeſt thy own body and blood to become our ſpiritual food, to ſtrengthen and refreſh our ſouls.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who by this immortal food doſt nouriſh our ſouls to live the life of grace here, and doſt raiſe us up to life everlaſting hereafter. Lord, do thou evermore give me this Bread. Amen. *John* vi. 51.

Motives of receiving.

O bleſſed Saviour! what more powerful motives can I have to perſuade me to communicate, than thy command, and the admirable effects of the Holy Sacrament?

But

But alas! my corrupt nature is apt to ſubject me to low and baſe inducements to this duty; as ſhame of not appearing as devout as my equals; or the mere cuſtom of the place, or of the ſeaſon.

But, Lord, I do from my heart renounce all theſe and the like carnal conſiderations, and I come to thy altar, to renew my baptiſmal covenant with thee, of which thy Sacrament is a ſeal.

I come to teſtify my ſenſe of thy love, O heavenly Father, in ſo loving the world, as to give up thy only ſon to die for me.

I come to teſtify my faith in thee, and my love towards thee, O bleſſed Saviour, and thankfully to commemorate thy wonderful love in dying for me.

I come, Lord, to teſtify my ſtedfaſtneſs in the communion of thy church, and my charity to all the world.

I come to thy table, O Lord, out of the ſenſe I have of the want of that ſpiritual food, to which thou there inviteſt me.

O gracious Lord, grant that I, and all that communicate with me, may feel its ſaving efficacy. O feed, O refreſh, O nouriſh our ſouls with it to life everlaſting, and that for thy own infinite mercy ſake, which moved thee to offer up thy body and blood for us. Amen.

O bleſſed Jeſus, do thou ſo open my eye of faith to diſcern thy body and blood in the Holy Sacrament: do thou ſo diſpoſe my ſoul at this time to communicate, that I may feel all the happy effects of thy own divine inſtitution; that my ſoul may receive ſuch laſting impreſſions of thy goodneſs, and be ſo raviſhed with the love of thee, and with the incomparable delights of thy ſervice, and with ſuch foretaſtes of Heaven, that all the pleaſures of ſin, may appear to me taſteleſs and unwelcome.

O heavenly

O heavenly Father, fill me with a lively faith, profound humility, filial obedience, inflamed affections, and univerſal charity: O raiſe in my ſoul all thoſe heavenly tranſports of zeal and devotion, of love and deſire, of joy and delight, of praiſe and thankſgiving, which become the remembrance of a crucified Saviour, which become one redeemed by the blood of God, and that for his ſake only who redeemed me: in whoſe holy words I ſum up all the graces and bleſſings I ſtand in need of: *Our father, which art in heaven, &c.*

At going to the altar.

IN the multitude of thy mercies, O Lord God, do I now approach thy altar: O pardon my ſins, and receive me graciouſly. Amen. Amen.

At the offertory.

BLeſſed be thou, O Lord God: for all things come of Thee, and of thy own do I now give thee, 1 *Chron.* xxix. 14.

O let this alms be an odour of a ſweet ſmell, a ſacrifice acceptable and well-pleaſing to thee, *Phil.* iv. 18.

At Conſecration.

O bleſſed Jeſu, in the bread broken, I call to mind thy body torn with whips, and thorns, and nails; and in the wine poured out, I call to mind thy precious blood, ſhed for my ſins.

Glory be to thee, O lamb of God, that didſt offer thyſelf a ſacrifice to take away the ſins of the whole world: Lord have mercy on me, and take away mine alſo.

Whilſt others are communicating.

O my God, whom have I in Heaven but thee? And there is none on earth I deſire in compariſon of thee, *Pſal.* lxxiii. 25.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, ſo panteth my ſoul after thee, O God, *Pſal.* xlii. 1.

My ſoul is athirſt for thee, O God, my God.

bleſſed

Bleſſed Saviour, I am thine, I am wholly thine; for thou haſt bought me with a price, with the ineſtimable price of thy own blood, 1 *Cor.* vi. 19. 20.

When the Prieſt cometh towards you.

O Lord God, I now deſire to renew my covenant with thee, and to ſeal it in this ſacrament. Lord, put thy laws into my mind, and write them in my heart: And for the paſſion of thy ſon, which I now commemorate, be merciful to my unrighteouſneſs; my ſins and my iniquities remember no more; be thou my God, and I will be thy ſervant, Amen. *Heb.* viii. 10.

O my ſoul, taſte now, and ſee how gracious the Lord is, *Pſal.* xxxiv. 8.

After receiving the bread.

GLory be to thee, O Lord, who feedeth me with the bread of life.

O Lord God, who didſt ſanctify us by the offering of the body of Jeſus once for all, ſanctify me, even me, O heavenly Father, *Heb.* x. 10.

After receiving the cup.

GLory be to thee, O Lord Jeſus, who permitteſt me to drink of the fountain of life freely.

My beloved is mine, and I am his.

Bleſſed Saviour, thou haſt loved us, and waſhed us from our ſins in thy own blood; and therefore to thee be glory and dominion, for ever and ever, Amen. *Rev.* i. 6.

Glory be to thee, O Jeſus, my Lord and my God, for thus feeding my ſoul with thy moſt bleſſed body and blood: O let thy heavenly food tranſfuſe new life, and new vigour into my ſoul, and into the ſouls of all that communicate with me, that we may all grow more humble and contrite for our ſins, that we may all love thee, and ſerve thee, and delight in thee, and praiſe thee more frequently, more inceſſantly, than ever we have done heretofore, Amen.

A thanksgiving after receiving.

O how plentiful is thy goodneſs, my Lord, and my God, which thou haſt laid up for thoſe that fear thee, which thou haſt laid up for thoſe that put their truſt in thy mercy! *Pſal.* xxxi. 19:

Was it not love infinite enough, deareſt Lord, to give thyſelf for me on the croſs? Was not that ſacrifice of thyſelf ſufficient to expiate the ſins of the whole world? What, Lord, could thou then do more for me?

All the mighty hoſt of Heaven ſtood amazed to ſee the blood of God ſhed, to ſee their king of glory, (to whom from the firſt moment of their being they had ſung their Hallelujahs) nailed to a croſs; and all this to ſave ſinners.

Sure, Lord, none of all thoſe bleſſed ſpirits, with all the glorious illuminations they had, could ever have imagined how thou couldſt give thyſelf more to us than thou haſt done.

O Lord God, this is ſo inconceivable a bleſſing, ſo divine an union, that the very angels, who ſo much deſire to look into the great myſtery of our redemption, who learn thy manifold wiſdom from thy church, and frequent the places of thy public worſhip, do crowd about our altar, and with awful admirations contemplate the Holy Sacrament, 1 *Pet.* i. 12. *Eph.* iii 10

What thanks then, gracious Lord, can I return to thee for thoſe wonders of love thou haſt ſhewed to me, wretched ſinner; which the very angels who never ſinned, ſo much admire?

O deareſt Lord, raiſe thou my devotion to the higheſt pitch it can poſſibly reach, to praiſe thee; inlarge my ſoul to its utmoſt extent, to love thee.

Bleſſing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him thnt ſitteth on the throne, and nnto the Lemb, for ever.

Glory be to thee, O Lord God, for giving me this bleſſed opportunity of comming to thy Altar.

Praiſe

Praiſe the Lord, O my ſoul; while I live, will I praiſe the Lord: As long as I have any being, I will ſing praiſes unto thee, O bleſſed Saviour, my King and my god.

Bleſſed ſpirit, let me never more by my ſins grieve thee, who art the author of life and joy to me.

Bleſſing, and honour, and thankſgiving, and praiſes more than I can utter, more than I can conceive, be unto thee, O moſt adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, by all angels, all men, all creatures, for ever and ever. Amen.

At coming into the Church.

O Lord, I humbly beg thy Holy Spirit to help my infirmities at this time, and to diſpoſe my heart to devotion, that my prayers and praiſes may be acceptable in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour.

After Church Time.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord God Almighty, Glory be to thee, who haſt permitted me to appear before thee this day, and to tread thy courts.

Lord, pardon all my failings in thy ſervice this day paſt, the wanderings, and coldneſs, and indevotion of my prayers; for the ſake of my bleſſed Saviour, have mercy upon me.

Lord, make me a doer of thy word, and not a hearer only, leſt I deceive my ſoul, *Jam.* i. 22.

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